(b) and (c) The norms as applicable to other Central Services and a training period of two years are being considered.

Funds allocated for Gulmarg and Pahalgam

1000. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been allocated especially for Gulmarg and Pahalgam with a view to promoting tourism in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) It has been decided in consultation with the State Governent to take up the following works in Jammu and Kashmir during the current financial year:-

1. Restoration/conservation/development of Kheer Bhawani Shrine at Tulmaula, Ganderbal, Kashmir, and its environment.
2. Restoration/conservation/development of Shrine Complex at Baba-Rishi Sahib, Tangmarg, Kashmir, and its environment.
3. Upgradation of Amarnath Ji Yatra and provision of Shelter units etc.
4. Improvement of Tourism circuit-Vashno Devi-Patnitop-Srinagar-Gulmarg.
5. Improvement of tourism facilities in and around Aishmuquam Shrine, Kashmir.

Historical significance of Siva Temple, Bhojpur

1001. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the renovation and upkeep of ancient Siva Temple, Bhojpur, 30 Kilometres from Bhopal, was taken up quite some time back;

(b)whether the cover-up work of the mound has been lying suspended for the last more than three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) by when it would restart; and

(e) the expected date of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. During the last three years (2000-2003), the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has spent a sum of Rs. 11.48 lakh and, for the current year 2003-2004, it has earmarked Rs. 15.00 lakh for conservation of the Siva Temple, Bhojpur, District Raisen, M.P.

(b) to (e) While the work on the temple has not been suspended but is continuing, the mound that stands near the south-western corner of the temple is a part of the ancient ramp for carrying the building material and the same will remain as such. The existing top portion of temple has been structurally strengthened.

Taking over of management of Shrines

1002. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take over the management of all the Shrines and religious places.

(b) whether the matter has been discussed with the States; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

The Minister of Tourism and Culture had written to all the Chief Ministers on 5.12.2002 to consider enacting suitable legislation on the model Jammu and Kashmir Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Act, 1988 "with a view to similarly improving the management and administration of the important temples and places of worship situated in their States."

A conference of State Culture Ministers and State Culture Secretaries was held on 13th May, 2003 when the above need was